14014|6|86-Est(D) dated 30th June, 1987. Other main principles to be followed in making such compassionate appointments as given in these instruciions are as follows:—

(i) The family is in immediate need of assistance and there is no other earning member in the family.

(ii) The applicant should be eligible and suitable for the post in all respects under the provisions of the relevant recruitment rules. Age limit can be relaxed, wherever necessary, subject to the lower age limit being 18 years of age. The educational qualifications may be relaxed temporarily upto a period of two years in the case of appointment at the lowest level, that is, Group D or LDC post in exceptional circumstances when the condition of the family is very hard. If the applicant does not qualify in this period, his/her service is liable to be terminated. Where a widow is appointed to a Group D post, she will be exempted from the requirement of the educational qualification of middle standard, provided the duties of the post can be satisfactorily performed without the prescribed qualification. A widow appointed on compassionate grounds can continue in service even after re-marriage.

(iii) In deserving cases, even where there is an earning member in the family left by the deceased in distress, compassionate appointment can be considered with the prior approval of the Secretary of the Department concerned, who should satisfy himself that it is justified, having regard to the number of dependents, the assets and liabilities left behind by the deceased Government servant, the income of the earning member as also his liabilities, including the fact whether the earning member is residing with the family of the deceased and whether he should not be a source of support to the other members of the family.

(iv) The total reservation for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Physically handicapped persons and ex-servicemen, including carry forward reservation, together with compassionate appointments should not exceed 50 per cent of the vacancies available on any particular occasion.

(v) Belated requests for compassionate appointment, where the death took place long ago, say five years or so, should be examined with great circumspection, as the concept of compassionate appointment is largely related to the need for immediate assistance to the family on the passing away of the Government servant in harness.

(vi) A selective approach may be adopted to providing compassionate appointment to the more deserving. The appointments should be done in such a way that persons appointed do have the essential educational and technical qualifications and experience required for the post consistent with the requirements of maintenance of efficiency of administration. Besides taking into account the liabilities, number of dependents of the deceased Government servant and if there are earning members, whether they are living together or separately the assets also should be taken into account, keeping in view various improved benefits accruing to the family of the deceased, such as under the Employees Insurance Scheme, encashment of leave, GPF balance, Life Insurance policies, death gratuity, family pension and assistance from Compassionate Fund, if any.

The responsibility of considering compassionate appointment to the dependents of Defence Service Personnel dying in harness is with the Parent unit|corps|Directorate.

(b) to (d) The information is not readily available. It will be collected and placed on the Table of the House.

Narmada valley project

3155. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any assessment about the social, cultural

and environmental effects while undertaking the Narmada Valley Project; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) The Project authorities have formulated detailed action plan comprising *inter alia* catchment area treatment, rehabilitation of flora and fauna, and proper resettlement and rehabilitation of project-affected persons and health aspects for implementation in a phased manner.

Missing ammunition boxes from a train

3156. *SHRI SHEO KUMAR MISHRA:* Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the court of enquiry has found that ammunition boxes reported missing from a special train from Maharashtra to Guwahati in November, 1987 were actually stolen and that it could have been prevented had the escort party been more vigilant and alert; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken in the matter particularly in regard to the court of inquiry's recommendation's of disciplinary action against offending individuals found negligent and what is the police report in the case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Disciplinary action against the concerned individuals is being taken as recommended by the Court of Inquiry. Final report from the Police has not yet been received. As per the Interim Report, no material evidence had been collected by it.

Setting up of 1000 Mega Watt Nuclear reactors

3157. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what will be the total cost of the two Soviet nuclear power reactors of 1000 megawatt each to be set up in Tamil Nadu under the recent Indo-Soviet agreement, what will be the credit to be given by the Soviet Union specifically for this project and on what terms;

(b) what will be the cost per unit of power generated by these nuclear power stations; and

(c) by when these are likely to be set up and start production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) As per the inter-governmental agreement, concluded between India and Soviet Union for cooperation in setting up of 2 x 1000 MW, nuclear power station in India, a detailed project report is to be prepared by Soviet Union in the first instance, which will establish the total estimated cost. An amount upto 3200 Million Roubles will be extended by Soviet Union as a State to State credit at a rate of 2½ per cent interest per annum. The credit is repayable in Indian Rupees in fourteen equal annual instalments starting three years after the date of commissioning of the first unit but not later than July 1, 2001.

(b) Unit energy cost will be worked out as part of the Detailed Project Report.

(c) The time schedule will be arrived at during detailed discussions with the Soviet organisations.

3158. [*Transferred to the 5th December*, 1988].

Leakage in heavy water reactor of Madras Atomic Power Plant

3159. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:
SHRI BHASKAR ANNAJI MASODKAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: